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To review video from the 2012 Legislative Session and other events, visit the House Office of Public Information video library on the <a href="Public Guide">Public Guide</a> page of the <a href="House website">House website</a>.

## **NOTEWORTHY**

#### **Florida Redistricting**

On Monday, April 30, the U.S. Department of Justice approved Florida's state house, state senate, and congressional district maps. This approval represents the final stage in the once-a-decade redistricting process. This final review was necessary because five Florida counties (Collier, Hardee, Hendry, Hillsborough and Monroe) are covered jurisdictions under Section 5 of the Federal Voting Rights Act. The Act requires any redistricting or election law that affects those counties to receive preclearance by the U.S. Department of Justice or the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. To learn more about Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, visit the Department of Justice's website.

Additionally, on April 27, the Florida Supreme Court found Florida's revised state senate map constitutionally valid. Read the Court's full opinion here.

If you would like to view the approved 2012 district maps or need additional information, please visit the Florida House's Redistricting website or the 2012 Redistricting Bills, Amendments and Resources page.

#### Status of Bills from the 2012 Legislative Session

The Governor has received and taken action on all bills passed by the House and Senate during the 2012 Legislative Session. Below is a breakdown of bill action:

Number Filed - 1,946

Number Passed by the House and Senate - 292

Number Signed by Governor - 266

Number that Became Law without Signature - 2

Number Vetoed - 12

Number Filed with Secretary of State (i.e. resolutions, memorials, etc) - 12

To view the final issue of OPI On Track, which provides a status update on every bill passed by the Florida Legislature and presented to the Governor for action, visit the Public Guide page of the House website.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

#### Application Deadline for the Legislative Internship Program Approaches

Attention college graduates and graduate students- it's time to get applications in for the 2012-13 Legislative Internship Program, as it is quickly approaching. Through the internship program, participants take an active role in the legislative process gaining hands on experience in a variety of substantive areas. **Applications are due May 31, 2012**. The internship begins on October 15, 2012, and ends on May 24, 2013. For more information on the program and eligibility requirements, please visit the <a href="Housewebsite">House website</a>.